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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows (a marked-up copy of the amended claims on a separate sheet accompanies this preliminary amendment):

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13, 18-21, 24, 28-30, 34, 37 and 42-44 to read as follows:

A¹ 13. (Amended) A fusion polypeptide according to claim 11 wherein the fusion polypeptide comprises a fragment of human SGK or variant or derivative thereof wherein residues equivalent to the N-terminal about 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 amino acids of human full-length SGK1 are not present.

18. (Amended) A polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide as defined in claim 11 or claim 14.

A² 19. (Amended) A recombinant polynucleotide suitable for expressing a polypeptide as defined in claim 11 or claim 14.

20. (Amended) A host cell comprising a polynucleotide as defined in claim 18.

21. (Amended) A method of making the polypeptide as defined in claim 11 or claim 14 the method comprising culturing a host cell comprising a recombinant polynucleotide or a replicable vector which encodes said polypeptide, and